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COMBINATION OF PROTEIN HYDROLYSATES

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents which are cited in the International Search Report for International Application PCT/EP2004/01085, of which the above-referenced application is a National Stage:

- (1) JP 7-330560 A, December 19, 1995, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cenet);
- (2) FR 2 801 788 A1, June 8, 2001, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cenet);
- (3) WO 98/25584 A2, June 18, 1998;
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,245,342 B1 (GOLZ-BERNER et al.), June 12, 2001; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (3);

- (5) JP 2000-191446 A, July 11, 2000, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cenet);
- (6) EP 0 841 065 A2, May 13, 1998;
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 6,165,982 (YAMADA et al.), December 26, 2000; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (6);
- (8) WO 2004/080426 A2, September 23, 2004;
- (9) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0180027 A1 (KUMAR et al.), September 16, 2004; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (8); and
- (10) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0142094 A1 (KUMAR), June 30, 2005; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (8) and (9).

Furthermore, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following document which was cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office for German Application No. 103 54 316.3, of which the above-referenced application claims priority:

- (11) WO 2004/024176 A1, March 25, 2004.

Copies of the above-listed documents (with the exception of U.S. Patents and U.S. Patent Applications) and the International Search Report of International Application PCT/EP2004/01085 (in English) are enclosed together with a completed copy of the Form PTO-1449 listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these


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If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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